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SUBJECT: ORGANIZING FOR MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY

REF: STATE 303856

MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO OCCUPY GREAT DEAL OF MY PERSONAL ATTENTION HERE, WHILE DAY-TO-DAY RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOLLOWING MULTILATERAL ISSUES AND ZAMBIAN POSITIONS RELATED THERETO ALREADY ASSIGNED TO DCM. RECENT UNGA SHOWED DEGREE TO WHICH ZAMBIA IS OUT OF TOUCH WITH USG ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO US. I BELIEVE RECORD WILL SHOW MAJOR EFFORT WE AT EMBASSY LUSAKA HAVE MADE TO EDUCATE ZAMBIANS ON FACTS OF EACH CASE SO AS TO GAIN THEIR SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITIONS AND TO POINT OUT TO GRZ INCONSISTENCIES IN THEIR POSITIONS ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES (LUSAKA 2511, 2432, 2196, 2188, 1957, 1700 PLUS MY LONG LETTER OF OCTOBER 31 TO FONMIN ON KOREA ISSUE). IN FACT, COMBINATION OF OUR EFFORTS ON KOREAN ISSUE HERE, AT UN, AND IN WASHINGTON WERE SO PERSISTENT AS TO RESULT IN FONMIN'S STRONG REACTION TO ALLEGED USG PRESSURE (LUSAKA 2196). ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE OF MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS SHOULD BE USEFUL TO PROVIDE FIELD WITH MORE COMPREHENSIVE BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH GRZ (E.G. HAD WE BEEN FOREARMED WE COULD HAVE USED BASIC BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON PUERTO RICO AND GUAM DURING RECENT UN DEBATES).
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